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## POWERS, WIFE PLAN REUNION

U-2 Pilot Expects Parole To Work Camp By Fall

Milledgeville, Ga., Aug. 3 (R)— Mrs. Francis Gary Powers said today that she hopes to visit her husband, the U-2 pilot imprisoned as a spy in Russia, when he is transferred to a work camp.

Powers wrote his parents in Norton, Va., that he hopes to be paroled to a work camp within three months, a year and a half before the expiration of his threeyear prison sentence. He is under an additional sentence of seven years in a Soviet work colony.

Mrs. Powers has not seen her husband since his trial in Mos-

"Gary and I have planned and hoped that when he is transferred to a work camp I may join him for a short time," Mrs. Powers said at her home here today.

Language, People Unfamilian "If I went to Russia now I would be allowed to visit with him only one hour a month. It is a ferrible strain on both of us because I'm not familiar with the people or the language and I probably wouldn't know where to WOF K. \*\*\*\*\*\*\* 增濟

"We hope that when he is transferred to a work camp we might, be allowed more time together.

Monthly Mail Regular

Mirs. Powers said she regularly receives two letters a month from. her husband. She sends him packages of clothing, cigarettes and other items every month.

Her husband's letters to her, she said, indicate that he does not have "any concrete hope of being paroled in the near future."

While his letters are not hopeful, she said, "he is taking the punishment for doing what he did for his country as well as anyone could be expected. He is not des pondent-he just accepts what he Las to do."

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